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Honorable Bush,

The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association appreciates your service and dedication to the citizens of this country. As independent livestock producers, we are grateful for the private property rights our Constitution grants us. As a cattleman yourself, we trust that you are familiar with issues surrounding the cattle industry.

The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association strongly encourages you and your staff to support mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for meat. The 1300 members of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association overwhelmingly support Country of Origin Labeling. We believe that, in order to compete in today's marketplace, U.S. producers must have the opportunity to differentiate our product. We don't propose that all imports should be banned. We do believe that all imports should be marked as to where they originated, to provide the consumer the ability to choose.

Support funding for Country of Origin Labeling. Contact the ag appropriations conference committee and encourage them to include funding for Country of Origin Labeling in the final appropriations package.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Ken Knuppe

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